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Legislative Testimony
Joint Insurance Committee, Public Health Committee, & Human Services Committee
HB 6308 AA Establishing The CT Healthcare Partnership
SB 921 AA Establishing A State Health Insurance Exchange
HB 6305 AAC Implementation Of The Sustinet Plan
HB 6323 AA Making Conforming Changes To The Insurance Statutes Pursuant To The
Federal Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act, And Establishing A State Health
Partnership Program
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Good afternoon to the Chairs of the Insurance Committee Senator Crisco & Representative Megna, Chairs of the Public Health Committee Senator Stillman and Representative Ritter, & to the Chairs of the Human Services Committee Senator Musto and Representative Tercyak, my name is Jon Davis and I have been practicing dentistry for 35 years in the town of Fairfield and am currently President of the Connecticut State Dental Association. I thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony to you in support of HB's 6323 and 6305.

I urge you to support them in their entirety.

HB 6323 is of particular interest because section 1 extends health insurance coverage to single young adults up to age 26. As a father of four I have two children at this time who would qualify for this extension. I am sure you know that salaries for young people just out of high school or college do not allow for the purchase of individual health insurance policies. This would be a wonderful benefit for them and a major relief for their parents.

In addition, with passage of this legislation many of their employers, who are small businessmen and women like me, may be able to purchase health insurance for them through the exchange. By providing a low cost alternative to small employers, their chances of having health insurance coverage is doubled and the likelihood of catastrophic expenses due to illness could be avoided.

I currently provide health insurance coverage for my employees but the costs are becoming prohibitive. With the establishment of an exchange this may provide an alternative which would allow me to continue to provide health insurance coverage for my employees.

In closing, I would like to again thank the Committees for allowing me to submit testimony. If you have any questions I would happy to talk to on the phone or answer them via email.

Sincerely,

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